Criteria for Derecognition of Political Parties

1811. SHRI YADLALPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for derecognition of political parties registered with the Election Commission; and

(b) the names and the number of regional and national parties derecognised during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The recognition of political parties is governed by the provisions of Paragraphs 6(2) and 7 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. In pursuance of these provisions, a review of the poll performance of every political party is required to be made by the Election Commission of India after every general election to the House of the People or, as the case may be, to the Legislative Assemblies of the States and if a party does not satisfy the criteria laid down under these provisions, it is not entitled to be recognised as a State or National Party.

(b) According to the information given by the Election Commission, the following parties have been derecognised so far, in the States and the Union territories mentioned against them, during the current year:

1	Haryana Vikas Party	— Haryana
2	NTR Telugu Desam (Lakshmi Parvathi)	— Andhra Pradesh
3	Rashtriya Janata Dal	— Manipur
4	Samata Party	— Haryana
5	United Minorities Front, Assam	— Assam
6	Shiv Sena	— Dadra and Nagar
7	Samajwadi Janta Party (Rashtriya)	— Chandigarh